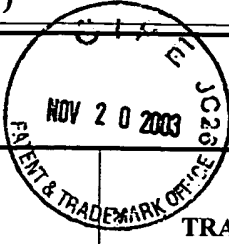


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AF/1639 #

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)			Docket No. 13706	
In Re Application Of: CIPRIANI, Franco et al.				
Serial No. 09/871,353	Filing Date May 30, 2001	Examiner TRAN, My-Chau T.		Group Art Unit 1639
Invention: FLUORESCENT MARKERS COMPRISING FUNCTIONALIZED THIOPHENE				



TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of July 22, 2003 in the above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: October 22, 2003 until: November 22, 2003
Date *Date*

A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

☐ is enclosed. 11/26/2003 AWONDAF1 00000074 192090 09871353
☐ has already been filed in this application. 01 FC:2251 55.00 DA

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2090

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Signature

Dated: November 20, 2003

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I certify that this document and fee is being deposited on <u>11/20/03</u> with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail under 37 C.F.R. 1.8 and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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